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Letter dated 29 January 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith to you, in your capacity as President of the Security Council, a communication regarding recent violations by the Abkhaz separatist regime of the Moscow Ceasefire Agreement dated 14 May 1994 (S/1994/583, annex I) (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 29 January 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions received from my Government, I am authorized to inform you about recent violations by the Abkhaz separatists of the Moscow Ceasefire Agreement dated 14 May 1994 (S/1994/583, annex I).

Around 12 p.m. on 26 January 2001, an anti-tank rocket was launched from the left bank of the Inguri River currently controlled by the Abkhaz separatist regime near the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) peacekeepers' checkpoint, No. 201, towards the territory controlled by the Georgian authorities, hitting a civilian car. The car was moving along near the CIS peacekeepers' checkpoint, No. 301. The car exploded upon being hit by the rocket. As a result, four civilians — the car's driver, Gela Shonia, and three accompanying villagers, Sergo Ubilava, Tariel Kvaratskhelia and Slavik Strelkov-Kakubava — were seriously injured. The victims with multiple wounds were transported to the city hospital of Zugdidi. Mr. Shonia's leg required amputation as a result of the explosion and his condition is still critical.

On 25 January 2001, in the village Chuburkhindgi, prior to the weekly meeting of group I of the Coordinating Council, another incident took place. As a result of it, a civilian inhabitant of the city of Sukhumi, Mr. Kishmaria, a resident of the village of Dikhazurga in the Gali region, Vakhtang Gogokhia, and a resident of the city of Gali, Mr. Chedia, were seriously injured. The above-mentioned persons were driving a civilian gas transport truck (Zil registration number g.n. 88-78 AIY) loaded with gas. Unidentified gunmen opened fire on this truck. As a result of this, Vakhtang Gogokhia was killed, Mr. Kishmaria was seriously wounded and was transported to the regional hospital in Gali, and the driver of the truck, Mr. Chedia, was kidnapped together with the gasoline truck, by unidentified gunmen, who retreated to the territory controlled by the Abkhaz separatist regime.